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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: PAN AMERICAN' S AMSTERDAM TO BERLIN SERVICE

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- 1. THE PAN AMERICAN BERLIN/ AMSTERDAM SERVICE WAS AGREED BY ALL MEMBERS AT A BCATAG MEETING ON MAY 9. THE POSITION OF THE FRG AS STATED IN PRESS GUIDANCE TO BE USED IN REPLY TO QUESTIONS WAS QUOTE THE ATTITUDE OF THE FRG, TAKEN IN AGREEMENT WITH THE BERLIN SENAT, WAS POSITIVE UNQUOTE.
- 2. FONOFF REPRESENTATIVE DIETRICH TABLED A STATEMENT, WHICH HE SAID WAS FOR BCATAG MEMBERS ONLY, NOT RPT NOT FOR THE PUBLIC, TO WHICH HE REQUESTED THE GROUP'S AGREEMENT AS GUIDELINES FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF FUTURE APPLICATIONS BY ALLIED CARRIERS FOR NON- STOP SERVICES BETWEEN BERLIN AND NON- ALLIED (OR FRG) DESTINATIONS. THE TEXT OF THE STATEMENT IS AS FOLLOWS: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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QUOTE THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS AGAINST GIVING PERMISSION TO PANAM TO OPERATE A DAILY DIRECT SERVICE BETWEEN BERLIN (WEST) AND AMSTERDAM. AS TO THE HANDLING OF FUTURE APPLICATIONS FOR DIRECT AIR SERVICES BETWEEN BERLIN (WEST) AND POINTS BEYOND

THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY IT SEEMS, HOWEVER, NECESSARY TO EXAMINE EACH CASE IN THE LIGHT OF PREVIOUS EXPERIENCES AND WITH A VIEW TO PREVENT ANY REDUCTIONS OF OR OTHER UNDESIRABLE EFFECTS ON INTERNAL GERMAN SERVICES. IN THIS CONTEXT THE DESIRABILITY OF INCLUDING BERLIN (WEST) IN INTERNATIONAL NON-ALLIED AIR TRAFFIC SHOULD BE KEPT IN MIND. DUE CONSIDERATION SHOULD ALSO BE GIVEN TO THE INTERESTS OF CARRIERS OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY. UNQUOTE

- 3. THE LAST SENTENCE, WHICH OBVIOUSLY REFERRED TO LUFTHANSA, WAS QUESTIONED BY THE ALLIED CAA'S. DIETRICH STATED UNEQUI-VOCALLY THAT THE INTERESTS REFERRED TO ARE THOSE OF LUFTHANSA, WHOSE SERVICES BETWEEN THE FRG AND POINTS SUCH AS AMSTERDAM, BRUSSELS AND COPENHAGEN WOULD OR COULD BE AFFECTED. IT DID NOT, RPT NOT. REFER TO ANY INTERESTS THAT LUFTHANSA OR OTHER FRG CARRIERS MIGHT HAVE WITH RESPECT TO BERLIN. ON THIS BASIS, THE BRITISH AND FRENCH, AS WELL AS EMBASSY CAA ACCEPTED THE FRG STATEMENT. AS DEPARTMENT WILL NOTE, THE LANGUAGE IS ESSENTIALLY BORROWED FROM THE BONN GROUP AIR STUDY AND POINTS OUT FACTORS THAT WE HAVE ALREADY AGREED TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE APPROVAL OF SUCH SERVICES. AS WE SEE IT, THE ONLY REAL POINT OF THE STATEMENT WAS TO INJECT THE CONCERN OF THE FRG OVER POSSIBLE EFFECTS OF A LARGE NUMBER OF SERVICES SIMILAR TO PAN AM' S TO AMSTERDAM ON LUFTHANSA' S INTRA- EUROPEAN SERVICES.
- 4. PAN AM (RUNNETTE) HAS BEEN INFORMED AND WILL ISSUE AN ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE PRESS, PROBABLY THE EVENING OF MAY 9.
- 5. SEPTEL WILL REPORT BONN GROUP DISCUSSION CONCERNING WHETHER OR NOT ANY SPECIAL ACTION OR NOTIFICATION VIS- A- VIS THE SOVIETS SHOULD BE TAKEN IN CONNECTION WITH THE SUBMISSION IN BASC OF PAN AM'S FIRST FLIGHT PLANS TO AMSTERDAM (THE EMBASSY IS FOLLOWING GUIDANCE PROVIDED IN STATE 70060.). HILLENBRAND

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